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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

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1. Civilian Work Force - the number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the Armed Forces.
2. Employed - those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, including persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation, or labor-management dispute, whether or not they were in a pay status during their time off.
3. Unemployment - the number of persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).
4. Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian work force.
5. Seasonally Adjusted Work Force Series - to facilitate the evaluation of the work force, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics seasonal factor method.
6. Composite Index - an aggregate of six leading indicators. The indicators used are: Manufacturing - Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs; Average Weekly Initial Claims, and statewide Building Permits. A reverse trend was used for Layoffs and Average Weekly Initial Claims. This composite index is in no manner or form comparable to the United States composite index as published in "Business Conditions Digest", U. S. Dept. of Commerce. The two indexes do not contain the same data, and the Dept. of Commerce used weighted figures while Montana's index used unweighted figures.
7. WIN - Work Incentive Program for Aid to Dependent Children recipients.
8. CEP - Concentrated Employment Program.
9. MDTA - Institutional training provided under the Manpower Development and Training Act of 1962 as amended.
10. JOBS "70" - On the Job Training including supportive services.
11. JOP - On the Job Training (Contract effective January 1971).

- EMPLOYMENT -

- UNEMPLOYMENT -

- CIVILIAN WORK FORCE -

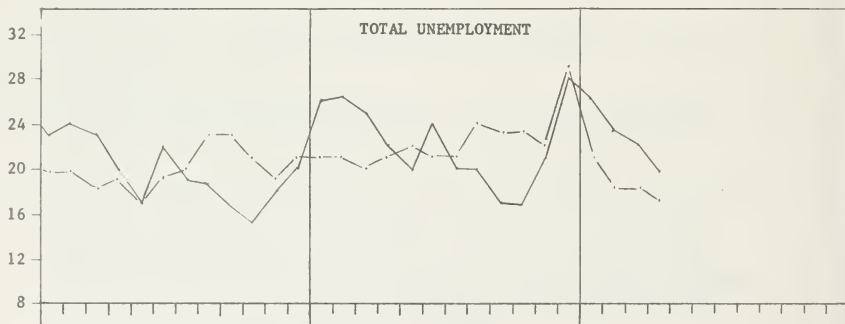
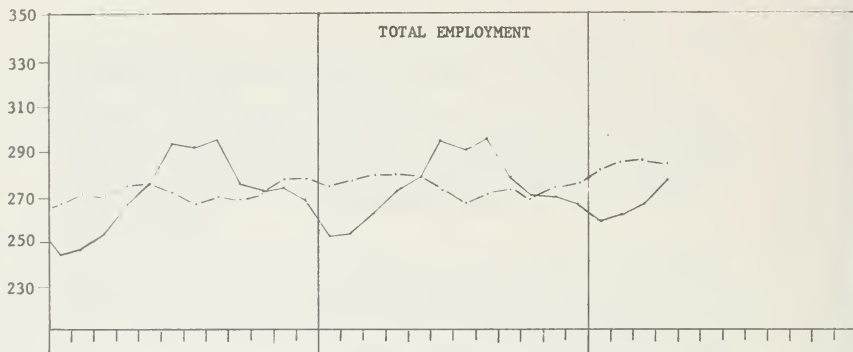
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MONTANA EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

(Seasonally Adjusted: .-.-)

1971 - 1973

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET

APRIL 1973

STATE OF MONTANA

Montana's civilian work force for March increased from 283,800 in February to 289,100 in March of this year; however, this was a slight decline (400) from that recorded for the same month last year. Employment for March was 266,900, a gain of 6,200 over February and an increase of 3,100 over March of 1972. The unemployment rate for March was 7.7%, down .4% from one month ago and 1.1% less than the same month one year ago.

Nonagriculture wage and salary employment increased by 1,700 to a total of 210.1 thousand for the month of March. Industries that contributed were wholesale and retail trades, up 3% from last month and up 5% from March 1972; contract construction, up 5% from last month but down 23% from March 1972; services, which were up 1% from last month and up 2% from March 1972; and mining up 1.5% from last month and up 9% from one year ago. Industries that decreased in March from the previous month were durable goods, down 1% (mainly due to spring break-up cutting back logging operations) and down 1% from one year ago; and nondurable goods down 3.5% from last month, but up 3.5% from last March. Industries whose employment remained the same as last month's were finance, insurance and real estate, and government. These industries did, however, show slight increases in employment over last year.

Agriculture employment was 29.3 thousand in March, up 4,000 from February's agriculture employment, but down slightly from the 29.9 thousand recorded for the same period one year ago. Most Montana winter wheat fields were greening at the end of March; however, soil moisture is short in the major winter wheat areas. Winter wheat condition ranges from fair to good and winterkill has been light - growth has resumed in all districts except the southwest. The condition and stand are reported as fair in the northcentral and southwest, good in the southcentral and southeast, and fair to good elsewhere. Top-soil and subsoil moisture supplies are generally short in northcentral and central Montana. Most other areas have less than adequate moisture supplies, but adequate supply is reported in the southeast.

Cattle and sheep are in good condition due to mild, dry weather. Disease problems and losses have been low this winter. By mid-April calving and lambing were about 60% complete which is normal for this time of year. Scours are less prevalent in most areas than in normal years. Supplemental feeding remained heavy with 90% of the range cattle and 85 % of the sheep receiving some supplemental feed. Sheep shearing was about 60% complete after the first week in April. Stockwater supplies are generally sufficient in the western third and southcentral region. Some shortages are showing up in portions of the remaining areas.

Pasture and range feed condition averaged 76% of normal on April 1, 1973. This is 6 points below a year earlier and 5 points below December 1, 1972. The mild winter reduced need for heavy feeding and hay supplies were adequate in most areas of the state. In some areas there will be a carry-over of hay.

The Montana Prices Received Index advanced 13 points during the month ending March 15, 1973. The increase was caused primarily by higher prices for livestock and livestock products but substantial increases occurred in some crop items. The All Farm Products Index was 54 points above a year earlier. The March All Crops Index was 5 points higher than at mid-February, and 49 points above March 1972. The March Livestock Products Index was 19 points above February and 55 points above March 1972.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET (Cont.)

Montana potato growers had 635,000 cwt. of potatoes in storage on April 1, 1973. Current stocks represent 38% of the 1972 potato production. Disappearance between harvest and April 1, is estimated at 1,015,000 cwt.

Montana's economy looks favorable with bank debits for the state increasing 8% in February over the same month one year ago. Debits for the 12 months through February 1973 were up 16% from the previous 12-month period. Miles City and Anaconda showed the largest increases for the month with 47 and 46%, respectively. Other cities showing good gains were Bozeman, Missoula, Kalispell, Great Falls, Billings, Lewistown, and Cut Bank.

Construction of new buildings in Montana has held above 1972 levels during the first two months of this year despite a February dip in nonresidential construction. Building permits dropped 4 from 1972's 159, but the total included a 22-permit increase in housing. Total permits were up 43 for the first two months. Total contracts were up more than 100% for January and February. Montana communities showing permit gains for the month of February were Billings, Butte, Cut Bank, Glendive, Great Falls, Hamilton, Havre, Malta and Miles City.

ANACONDA

Construction continues to be good in the area with work beginning on the new \$22 million smelter and a new \$10 million housing development that, when completed, will be a 400-home sub-division and 125 apartment units. Elsewhere, a sawmill near Deer Lodge has started a night shift and hired 10 people.

BILLINGS

Building construction continues at a near record breaking pace due to ideal weather conditions and heavy activity in the commercial-industrial sector. Cost of commercial construction is nearly three times the amount on this date last year. Construction was started on a large restaurant and a new supermarket, and the doors opened on a new wholesale catalog company which employs 30 people. Work is also underway on a new chain drive-in restaurant reported to be the largest the business has built in the Pacific northwest. A series of 4-plex and 8-plex apartment units valued at \$900,000 are rising to add another 84 apartment units to Billings when all are anticipated to be completed next October. Increased job openings for skilled and clerical workers prevailed during the month and there was a heavy demand for auto service station workers.

BOZEMAN

Building construction hiring has increased as warmer weather continues. Building permits in Bozeman during March amounted to \$2,557,100, the largest being \$2,280,000 for a combination office and classroom on the Montana State University Campus. Eight permits were issued for family dwellings at an average cost of \$27,560. Spring break-up has curtailed logging operations in some areas and the Forest Service has closed some roads leading to timber sites. In agriculture, some field work has started in the lower valley but snow and wet weather has halted some of the activity. Calving and lambing is nearing completion, and feeding and care of livestock continues.

BUTTE

The retail trade industry is in the upgearing stage in preparation for the summer season. Construction on the Gregson project continues with 80 men employed on the project at present with completion date set January 1974. Other construction projects that were in progress over the winter are continuing at full speed. Bids on a new Silver Bow Nursing Home will be opened in April and will be completed within one year. A new motel-restaurant complex is completed with all 100 rooms, lounge and restaurant opening the past month.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET (Cont.)

BUTTE (Cont.) The transportation industry expects big things from the Port of Butte in the next two to three years. A survey is now being made for a truck route to handle an estimated 200 trucks a day. Smelter activity at Butte remains steady with a shortage of approximately 100 experienced miners.

CUT BANK With the milder weather, spring field work and calving and lambing are progressing rapidly. As temperatures remain above normal and the weather being dryer this year than usual, farmers and ranchers are concerned by the lack of moisture for this time of year. Area manufacturing remains steady with Great Western Industry and U. S. Plywood running at a good pace. Local construction activity continues to move with construction of a nursing home, a new Junior High School and a \$640,000 sales cattle ring at Browning, and a new high school and gym at Cut Bank. Construction is expected to begin soon in Cut Bank on a new hospital, a new medical clinic, a new swimming pool, a new social center and a new Main Street office building. Work has also resumed on the Valier-Cut Bank highway paving project which should be completed by the first of July.

DILLON Hiring on road construction picked up during the past month with 150 people now employed on several projects in the area. Work has started on construction of a \$225,000 theater building which will seat from 550 to 600 people. Plans for completion of this building are set for September 1. Work continues on the construction of a building that will house a doctor's office, and several homes are under construction at the present time. Calving and lambing was in full swing the beginning of April and was winding down by month's end. There is a shortage in the area for ranch hands and cooks.

GLASGOW With unusually dry weather farm activity has been slow for the area with a few calls for

feeding, calving and field work. However, the overall business picture for agriculture and livestock is good. Construction companies on road jobs in the surrounding area have recalled some of their regular employees. Building construction is good with its normal seasonal increase as several family houses are being built, and as a new courthouse and an outdoor olympic size swimming pool construction projects continue.

GLENDALE With the good weather for most of the month there was a lot of call for farm and ranch hands. Construction on an elementary school is continuing, and the new college addition, construction valued at approximately \$200,000, is also underway. Highway construction is also in full swing. Retail, wholesale and service trades remain steady while mining activity is quiet.

GREAT FALLS The Great Falls economy remains steady. Construction activity is experiencing its normal seasonal upswing with milder weather conditions returning. A half-million dollar condominium containing 24 luxury apartments begun last October is the first modular construction condominium to be built in the area. Construction on a \$1 million retail store complex was also started this past month. When completed the store itself will be a 210 by 400 feet structure, occupying a 15 acre tract and is expected to employ 200 persons. Bids were also taken on a \$90,000 improvement project for the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind which is to be started in the near future. Wholesale and retail demands have been steady with orders for clerical and sales positions, and agriculture also remains steady with calving, feeding, fencing and field work activities. The labor dispute involving 15 floorlayers on strike since May 1, 1972 was settled this month.

HAMILTON Although spring break-up continued through most of April before logging could resume full operations, increases in nearly all other industrial employment were noted this month.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET (Cont.)

HAMILTON Additional call-back of workers and new hires were noted in the retail trade, construction, domestic service, U. S. Forest Service and the service industry. Tree planting by the Forest Service is scheduled the last part of April, and call-back of seasonal workers is commencing. The city of Hamilton awarded contracts for over \$80,000 for sewer projects in the area with actual work to start near the end of April. Voters in the Darby area approved the levy for a \$1.3 million school project which should begin in the near future. Considerable concern is being expressed over a possible severe water shortage in the area this coming summer. Anticipated shortages could have a direct bearing on crop irrigation this summer.

HAVRE Outlook for employment in the nonagricultural field has been steady during the past month. Most outside construction had full crews working. The Beaver Creek road project increased their work force by 10 men. New business openings this month in the Havre community were a new 40-unit motel complex, a new restaurant, and a drive-in banking service. Wholesale-retail trade and service industries are showing good activity. Employment in the agricultural field has continued to increase throughout April as demands came in for tractor operators, ranch hands and sheep shearing. Exploration drilling is not showing any amount of activity.

HELENA Most all segments of business report "business is good". Construction projects in and around Helena are accounting for the bulk of new hires in the area. The water project at Townsend and the highway north of Helena are employing nearly 100 men between them. Permits for building are 1½ times what they were during the same period in 1972. Work is progressing well on all outdoor jobs as the weather has been near perfect for all building. Two new restaurants are near completion and due to open shortly, and three 12-plex apartments are going to be ready for occupancy during the next several weeks.

The biggest project started so far this year is a new addition to Capitol High School estimated at \$581,000. Farm and ranch help is scarce and a shortage of farm and ranch cooks exists.

KALISPELL Local building and Libby Dam employment are up again this week as the labor dispute at Libby lasted only a few days. Construction began this month on the Gateway West Shopping Center which will be a multi-million dollar project. Also a contract was awarded to build a new \$10.5 million fiberboard plant at Columbia Falls to be completed next spring and will employ over 120 people. The discount center started in February is moving at a rapid pace and is due to open June 1. New hires were noted in all phases of industry. Agriculture employment is high as potato sorting and Christmas tree planting continued throughout April. Forest Service and Park Service employees continue to be recalled for seasonal jobs. Logging took a sharp increase after a short spring break-up. The local Aluminum Company laid off 100 employees this month when two pot lines had to close down due to a shortage of power.

LEWISTOWN All outside activities and Main Street activities showed an increase during the month. Construction has been completed on 9 additional units to a downtown motel bringing the total to 24 accommodations. A local camper manufacturing business hired 2 new workers, a local brick and tile company remains in full swing, and a lumber company now has its two mills ready for operation. Area mining activities continue to pick up and a need for experienced miners exists. The Lewistown area still has a definite shortage of agricultural workers and calls continue for both married couples and single ranch hands.

LIBBY A local sawmill will soon start remodeling at the Libby operation. This will be a three-phase, three year project at approximately \$1 million per year. Construction may be promising within the next several months as a retail establishment will begin building shortly,

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET (Cont.)

LIBBY (Cont.) a motor sales dealership proposes construction of an additional 4,000 square feet to be completed some time this fall, and construction of a new 40,000 square feet shopping center on Libby's west side is expected to get underway in early fall. Spring break-up for the logging crews in the area will end about mid-May.

LIVINGSTON Hiring has continued to increase as outdoor work reopens into another season. Road construction has begun on Highway 89 around the Livingston area. Also a 24-unit apartment and medical center, and a \$150,000 new office building continue to go up. Current agriculture activities are calving, feeding, machine repair, ditch cleaning and general ranch work. Flow of transient workers has been below average.

MILES CITY A newly constructed \$450,000 nursing home will open near the end of April with a potential of 40 new job openings. Work began in mid-April on a new retail tire business store located on Hiway 10 near the Plaza shopping center, at a cost of \$108,000. Twenty-nine building permits with a total valuation of \$202,700 were issued in Miles City during March, 5 of which were for new homes with a total value of \$150,000. Work is well underway on the Interstate 94 project around Miles City which will probably continue through next year's construction season. The overall labor market in the area remains stable with shortages of experienced workers for the agriculture field.

MISSOULA Hiring activities in all major industrial areas remain normal for this time of year. The sawmill log yards are at capacity level in anticipation of spring break-up, and indications are that some employees will be laid off because the stockpiles are overflowing. Bids were awarded this month for construction of the Sentinel High School music wing and remodeling the old music facility in the school at

a total cost of \$253,900. Construction of the new \$900,000 city library is in full swing at present, and work is continuing on the plywood manufacturing plant in Bonner. Stock feeding, calving, breaking up ground and fertilizer application are the major activities on farms and ranches. Hay supplies appear to be holding and should be adequate in nearly all cases.

POLSON Sawmill and logging activities remained active in April. Spring break-up has not affected many jobs in the area and fallers are needed at this time. Sales and Main Street trade shows more activity than usual for the spring season. There is some demand for waitresses and cooks. Construction remains good as workers are returning to jobs they were on last fall. A traffic signal at a main intersection in town worth \$23,115 is to be built near the end of April. Except for private houses, there has been no new construction starts lately. Potato sorting and shipping is well underway, but more shipment by the bulk this year has cut manpower needs. General farm work is picking up and current openings are for farm couples and single farm workers.

SHELBY All Shelby area activity was stable for April. Construction projects for the month included a renovating job in a local hotel and an addition to the newspaper building. Mining was slow in the area with one rig operating and two rigs still down. Wholesale, retail and service industries are more active as milder weather conditions set in. Agriculture is also picking up as spring seeding and equipment maintenance began with some call for married couples and single hands.

SIDNEY General highway and bridge construction is in full swing with a busy summer anticipated. Local building contractors have ample work lined up for this summer. Construction crews are also busy putting in a new storm drain system in the city. Oil field work picked up the past month with several new sites in the area ready for drilling. Calving is all but completed. Spring fertilizer application,

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET (Cont.)

SIDNEY (Cont.) plowing and ground work, and planting of spring grain crops was started by most farmers. Farm labor is still scarce with several openings available for qualified help.

THOMPSON FALLS There was a rise in employment levels in the logging industry as workers returned to jobs following spring break-up. Some new activity was noted in the trade and service industries as summer-like weather conditions prevailed in the area. Construction of a new retail store is in full swing which will contain more than twice the area the firm occupied before a December fire destroyed its old building.

WOLF POINT The local market was more active this month with an office building and a highway bridge construction projects getting underway. There were construction worker call-backs by a housing contractor in Poplar this month for cement work on some houses placed on site last fall. Retail and service trade demands have picked up some and there has been calls for cooks and waitresses. A feed-lot, located a few miles west of Wolf Point has expanded and installed a shed with bins for bulk supplement for fattening calves. Also 250-head pens are being constructed at present and another 15,000 bushel bulk bin will be added later. When completed, the operation will be able to handle 3,000 to 4,000 head compared to the 2,500 at present.

ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS IN MONTANA'S WORK FORCE

May through July 1973

With the milder weather setting in, employment will continue to increase at a rapid pace. Construction activities are showing their normal rise as are the wholesale, retail and the service industries which are looking ahead to the summer tourist season. Agriculture is also showing a noticeable increase in workers as spring planting, feeding, and calving and lambing are taking place. This trend should continue through July and taper off again in early fall.

MANPOWER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

March 1973

<u>Program</u>	<u>New Enrollees</u>	<u>Job Placements</u>	<u>End of Month Enrollment</u>
WIN	145	156	745
CEP	72	32	238
MDTA (Inst.)	69	13	303
JOBS	22	22	43
JOP	23	23	60
Job Corps	20	10	186

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNEMPLOYED

March 1973

<u>Social Characteristics</u>	<u>Percent of Total Covered Unemployment</u>
Non-White	4.1%
Female	27.1%
Youth	8.6%
Over 45	36.1%

1/ Based on 20% sample of Continued Claims filed during the week including the 19th of each month in all local offices.



Table I
MONTANA CIVILIAN WORK FORCE

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent		
						Montana	U. S.	
1971								
January	269.8	245.7	221.4	24.3	23.7	8.8	6.6	.4
February	272.4	247.5	222.3	25.2	24.5	9.0	6.6	.4
March	276.7	253.6	225.4	28.2	23.1	8.3	6.3	*
April	287.4	267.1	229.6	37.5	20.3	7.1	5.7	*
May	293.0	275.9	236.4	39.5	17.1	5.8	5.3	*
June	316.3	293.7	246.5	47.2	22.5	7.1	6.5	.1
July	318.0	292.4	242.8	49.6	19.8	6.2	6.2	5.8
August	318.9	294.2	244.6	49.6	18.9	5.9	5.9	5.8
September	297.4	274.7	242.3	32.4	16.9	5.7	5.8	5.8
October	286.7	271.3	241.8	29.5	15.3	5.3	5.4	.1
November	290.8	272.5	241.1	31.4	18.2	6.3	5.7	.1
December	288.7	267.7	238.8	28.9	20.9	7.2	5.5	.1
1971 Avg.	293.0	271.4	236.1	35.3	20.1	6.9	5.9	1.5
1972								
January	280.8	254.7	229.6	25.1	26.0	9.3	6.4	.1
February	281.5	255.1	229.8	25.3	26.3	9.3	6.4	.1
March	289.5	263.8	233.9	29.9	25.6	8.8	6.1	.1
April	296.3	273.8	235.9	37.9	22.4	7.6	5.5	.1
May	300.7	280.0	240.7	39.3	20.5	6.8	5.1	.2
June	323.3	298.3	248.8	49.5	24.9	7.7	6.2	.1
July	313.2	292.4	246.1	46.3	20.4	6.5	5.8	.4
August	317.7	296.5	245.6	50.9	20.6	6.4	5.5	.6
September	295.1	277.1	240.3	36.8	17.7	6.0	5.4	.3
October	286.7	269.6	239.2	30.4	17.0	5.9	5.1	.1
November	289.5	268.5	238.0	30.5	20.9	7.2	4.9	.1
December	294.4	266.1	238.5	27.6	28.1	9.7	4.7	.2
1972 Avg.	297.4	274.7	238.9	35.8	22.6	7.6	5.6	.2
1973								
January	285.1	258.8	234.5	24.3	26.2	9.2	5.5	.1
February	283.8	260.7	235.4	25.3	23.1	8.1	5.6	*
March	289.1	266.9	237.6	29.3	22.2	7.7	5.2	*
April	296.2	277.0	239.9	37.1	19.0	6.4		.2
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* Under 50
Revised to 1972 Benchmarks

Current month in italics is a forecast

*Previous month preliminary
Series began January 1957*

Table II
GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)
Civilian Work Force
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent#		
						County	State	
1971								
January	29.4	27.4	26.5	.9	2.0	6.8	8.8	0
February	29.7	27.6	26.7	.9	2.1	7.1	9.0	0
March	30.2	28.2	27.0	1.2	2.0	6.6	8.3	0
April	31.2	29.4	27.8	1.6	1.8	5.8	7.1	0
May	31.7	30.0	28.4	1.6	1.7	5.4	5.8	0
June	33.3	30.9	28.7	2.2	2.3	6.9	7.1	.1
July	32.1	28.6	26.8	1.8	2.1	6.5	6.2	1.4
August	32.3	28.9	27.1	1.8	2.0	6.2	5.9	1.4
September	31.6	28.3	27.2	1.1	1.9	6.0	5.7	1.4
October	31.0	29.5	28.7	.8	1.5	4.8	5.3	0
November	31.1	29.4	28.5	.9	1.7	5.5	6.3	0
December	31.2	29.3	28.3	1.0	1.9	6.1	7.2	0
1971 Avg.	31.1	28.9	27.6	1.3	1.9	6.1	6.9	.3
1972								
January	30.4	28.1	27.2	.9	2.3	7.6	9.3	0
February	30.6	28.3	27.4	.9	2.3	7.5	9.3	0
March	31.1	29.1	27.9	1.2	2.0	6.4	8.8	0
April	32.2	30.4	28.8	1.6	1.8	5.6	7.6	0
May	32.4	30.7	29.1	1.6	1.7	5.2	6.8	0
June	34.3	31.6	29.5	2.1	2.7	7.9	7.7	0
July	33.2	30.9	29.0	1.9	2.3	6.9	6.5	*
August	33.1	30.8	28.6	2.2	2.3	6.9	6.4	*
September	32.3	30.1	28.5	1.6	2.2	6.8	6.0	*
October	32.1	30.0	28.6	1.4	2.1	6.5	5.9	0
November	32.3	29.9	28.3	1.6	2.4	7.4	7.2	*
December	32.1	29.5	28.0	1.5	2.6	8.1	9.5	*
1972 Avg.	32.2	29.9	28.4	1.5	2.3	7.1	7.6	*
1973								
January	31.2	28.5	27.5	1.0	2.7	8.5	9.2	*
February	31.1	28.5	27.5	1.0	2.6	8.2	8.1	*
March	31.4	29.0	27.8	1.2	2.4	7.6	7.7	*
April	32.4	30.3	28.9	1.4	2.1	6.5	6.4	*
May								
June								
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August								
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December								
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* Under 50 Current month in italics is a forecast
Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers
Revised to 1972 Benchmarks

Previous month preliminary
Series began January 1962

Table III
BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)
Civilian Work Force
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent#		
						County	State	
1971								
January	35.6	33.2	32.1	1.1	2.4	6.7	8.8	*
February	36.2	33.6	32.2	1.4	2.6	7.2	9.0	*
March	36.5	33.9	32.7	1.2	2.6	7.1	8.3	*
April	37.4	35.3	33.5	1.8	2.1	5.6	7.1	*
May	38.4	36.5	34.4	2.1	1.9	4.9	5.8	0
June	39.4	36.8	35.0	1.8	2.6	6.6	7.1	0
July	39.5	37.2	35.1	2.1	2.3	5.8	6.2	0
August	39.2	37.0	35.0	2.0	2.2	5.6	5.9	0
September	38.7	36.6	35.2	1.4	2.1	5.4	5.7	0
October	38.7	37.0	36.0	1.0	1.7	4.4	5.3	0
November	39.4	37.1	35.9	1.2	2.3	5.8	6.3	0
December	39.0	36.6	35.6	1.0	2.4	6.2	7.2	0
1971 Avg.	38.2	35.9	34.4	1.5	2.3	6.0	6.9	0
1972								
January	37.7	35.0	33.8	1.2	2.7	7.2	9.3	0
February	38.0	35.2	34.2	1.0	2.8	7.4	9.3	0
March	39.1	36.3	34.9	1.4	2.8	7.2	8.8	0
April	39.6	37.4	35.8	1.6	2.2	5.6	7.6	*
May	40.1	37.8	36.3	1.5	2.3	5.7	6.8	*
June	42.9	39.9	37.3	2.6	3.0	7.0	7.7	*
July	42.7	40.1	37.3	2.8	2.6	6.1	6.5	*
August	42.8	40.3	37.3	3.0	2.5	5.8	6.4	*
September	41.7	39.5	37.3	2.2	2.2	5.3	6.0	*
October	41.8	39.8	38.1	1.7	2.0	4.8	5.9	*
November	42.0	39.6	38.0	1.6	2.4	5.7	7.2	*
December	41.5	39.0	37.6	1.4	2.5	6.0	9.7	*
1972 Avg.	40.8	38.3	36.5	1.8	2.5	6.1	7.6	*
1973								
January	39.9	37.2	35.7	1.5	2.7	6.6	9.2	*
February	39.9	37.6	36.3	1.3	2.3	5.7	8.1	*
March	40.7	38.4	36.8	1.6	2.3	5.7	7.2	0
April	41.3	39.5	38.0	1.5	1.8	4.4	6.4	*
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* Under 50 Current month in italics is a forecast
Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers
Revised to 1972 Benchmarks

Previous month preliminary
Series began January 1962

Table IV

MONTANA

Statewide Employment by Industry

MARCH 1973

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Mar. 1973	Feb. 1973	Mar. 1972	Net Changes to Current Month from:	
				Feb. 1973	Mar. 1972
1. Civilian Work Force	289.1	283.8	289.5	5.3	-4
2. Unemployment	22.2	23.1	25.6	-9	-3.4
Percent of Work Force	7.7	8.1	8.8	-4	-1.1
3. Employment, Total	266.9	260.7	263.8	6.2	3.1
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	210.1	208.4	206.4	1.7	3.7
<u>MANUFACTURING</u>					
Durable Goods	15.8	16.0	16.0	-2	-2
24 Lumber and Wood Products	8.9	9.1	8.7	-2	.2
33 Primary Metal Industries	3.4	3.4	4.2	0	-8
Other Durable Goods	3.5	3.5	3.1	0	.4
Nondurable Goods	8.4	8.7	8.1	-3	.3
20 Food and Kindred Products	3.9	4.3	3.9	-4	0
27 Printing and Publishing	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	.1
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.4	1.3	.1	.2
<u>NONMANUFACTURING</u>	185.9	183.7	182.3	2.2	3.6
Mining	6.6	6.5	6.0	.1	.6
10 Metal Mining	3.9	3.9	3.6	0	.3
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining ..	1.0	.9	.8	.1	.2
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	.1

Contract Construction	8.4	8.0	10.3	4	-1.9
15 General Building Contractors	2.4	2.4	2.7	0	-3
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	2.2	2.0	4.0	2	-1.8
17 Special Trade Contractors	3.8	3.6	3.6	.2	.2
Transportation and Public Utilities	17.0	17.0	17.4	0	-4
40 Railroad Transportation	6.0	6.0	6.3	0	-3
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	4.6	4.6	4.8	0	-2
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services ..	6.4	6.4	6.3	0	.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	52.1	50.8	49.6	1.3	2.5
Wholesale Trade	10.7	10.6	10.2	.1	.5
Retail Trade	41.4	40.2	39.4	1.2	2.0
53 & 56 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories ...	5.8	6.7	6.8	.1	0
54 Food Stores	5.7	5.7	5.7	0	0
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	8.6	8.5	8.4	.1	.2
58 Eating and Drinking Places	12.2	11.3	10.6	.9	1.6
52, 57, 59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc. ..	8.1	8.0	7.9	.1	.2
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	8.9	8.9	8.6	0	.3
Services	36.5	36.1	35.9	.4	.6
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	4.0	3.8	3.9	.2	.1
72 Personal Services	2.3	2.3	2.4	0	-1
80 Medical and other Health Services	12.4	12.3	12.1	.1	.3
Other Services	17.8	17.7	17.5	.1	.3
Government	56.4	56.4	54.5	0	1.9
91 Federal Government	11.0	11.1	11.1	-.1	-1
92 & 93 State and Local Government	45.4	45.3	43.4	.1	2.0
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment ^{1/}	27.5	27.0	27.5	.5	0
(c) Agriculture	29.3	25.3	29.9	4.0	-6
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	*	*	.1	0	-1

^{1/} Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

* Under 50. Current month preliminary. Revised to 1972 Benchmark. Series began January 1964.

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Table V
MONTANA STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
Employment by Industry
MARCH 1973
in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Net Changes to Current Month from:				
	Mar. 1973	Feb. 1973	Mar. 1972	Feb. 1973	Mar. 1972
GREAT FALLS (CASCADE COUNTY)					
1. Civilian Work Force	31.4	31.1	31.1	.3	.3
2. Unemployment	2.4	2.6	2.0	-.2	.4
Percent of Work Force	7.6	8.2	6.4	-.6	1.2
3. Employment, Total	29.0	28.5	29.1	.5	-.1
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	25.6	25.4	25.7	.2	-.1
MANUFACTURING	2.2	2.1	2.9	.1	-.7
NONMANUFACTURING	23.4	23.3	22.8	.1	.6
Contract Construction	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Transportation and Public Utilities	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
Wholesale and Retail Trade	7.4	7.3	7.2	.1	.2
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1.7	1.8	1.6	-.1	.1
Services and Mining	5.2	5.1	5.0	.1	.2
Government	5.7	5.7	5.6	0	.1
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment ^{1/}	2.2	2.1	2.2	.1	0
(c) Agriculture	1.2	1.0	1.2	.2	0
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes .	*	*	*	-	-

^{1/} Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

* Under 50.

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Revised to 1972 Benchmarks. Current month preliminary. Series began January 1958.

Table VI
MONTANA STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
Employment by Industry
MARCH 1973
in Thousands

INDUSTRY			Net Changes to Current Month from:		
	Mar. 1973	Feb. 1973	Mar. 1972	Feb. 1973	Mar. 1972
BILLINGS (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)					
1. Civilian Work Force	40.7	39.9	39.1	.8	1.6
2. Unemployment	2.3	2.3	2.8	0	-.5
Percent of Work Force	5.7	5.7	7.2	0	-1.5
3. Employment, Total	38.4	37.6	36.3	.8	2.1
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	32.8	32.4	30.8	.4	2.0
MANUFACTURING	3.5	3.8	3.2	-.3	.3
NONMANUFACTURING	29.3	28.6	27.6	.7	1.7
Contract Construction	1.8	1.5	1.7	.3	.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	3.1	3.0	2.9	.1	.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	10.0	9.8	9.4	.2	.6
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	.1
Services and Mining	6.7	6.5	6.2	.2	.5
Government	5.9	6.0	5.7	-.1	.2
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment ^{1/}	4.0	3.9	4.1	.1	-.1
(c) Agriculture	1.6	1.3	1.4	.3	.2
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes .	0	*	0	-	0

^{1/} Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

* Under 50.

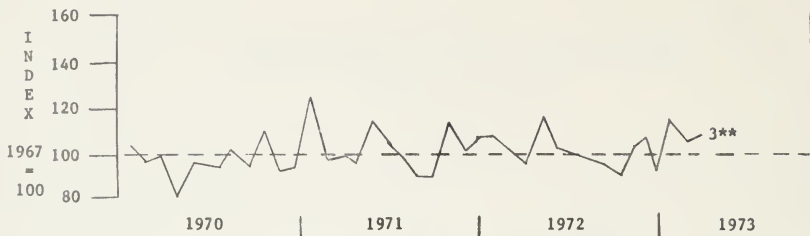
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ECONOMIC INDICATORS

COMPOSITE INDEX OF SIX LEADING INDICATORS*



Composite Index of
SIX LEADING INDICATORS
1967 = 100

MONTANA'S ECONOMY

1972

January	107.8
February	102.0
March	97.3
April	117.1
May	104.7
June	101.6
July	99.2
August	96.1
September	93.8
October	103.5
November	108.3
December	93.9

1973

January	116.0
February	106.5
March	109.5 ^P
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	

Montana's Composite Index continued to show an upward trend though not as strong as originally anticipated. However, the final index for February of 1973 was up 4.5 percent over February one year ago.

Taken separately, the seasonally adjusted leading indicators show: Building Permits and Manufacturing Employment - down slightly from last year; Weekly Hours, Average Initial Claims, and Accessions, about the same. The major improvement occurred in the Layoff rate which was down considerably from last year, probably due to the mild weather in February.

* Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs in Manufacturing; Building Permits, and Average Weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims.

** Indicates last month of plotted data. p: Preliminary.

Table VII
MONTANA CIVILIAN WORK FORCE

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent		
						Montana	U. S.	
1971								
January	287.3	267.2	233.3	33.9	19.7	6.9	6.0	.4
February	290.6	270.4	235.2	35.2	19.8	6.8	5.8	.4
March	289.9	271.0	237.0	34.0	18.9	6.5	6.0	*
April	292.0	272.9	235.7	37.2	19.1	6.5	6.1	*
May	292.3	273.8	236.6	37.2	18.5	6.3	6.2	*
June	291.4	272.2	236.6	35.6	19.1	6.5	5.6	.1
July	293.9	267.6	231.9	35.7	20.5	7.0	5.8	5.8
August	296.8	268.4	232.1	36.3	22.6	7.6	6.1	5.8
September	296.5	268.2	233.4	34.8	22.5	7.6	6.0	5.8
October	291.4	269.9	238.9	31.0	21.4	7.3	5.8	.1
November	295.8	276.7	241.6	35.1	19.0	6.4	6.0	.1
December	298.4	277.0	241.2	35.8	21.3	7.1	6.0	.1
1971 Avg.	293.0	271.4	236.1	35.3	20.1	6.9	5.9	1.5
1972								
January	298.3	276.5	241.9	34.6	21.7	7.3	5.9	.1
February	299.0	277.6	242.7	34.9	21.3	7.1	5.7	.1
March	302.0	281.0	246.2	34.8	20.9	6.9	5.9	.1
April	302.2	281.0	242.2	38.8	21.1	7.0	5.9	.1
May	300.8	278.4	240.9	37.5	22.2	7.4	5.9	.2
June	297.2	275.9	238.8	37.1	21.2	7.2	5.5	.1
July	289.8	268.2	235.0	33.2	21.2	7.3	5.5	.4
August	296.9	271.6	233.0	38.6	24.7	8.3	5.6	.6
September	294.9	271.0	231.5	39.5	23.6	7.9	5.5	.3
October	292.1	268.2	236.4	31.8	23.8	8.1	5.5	.1
November	294.7	272.6	238.5	34.1	22.0	7.4	5.2	.1
December	304.2	275.1	240.9	34.2	28.9	9.4	5.1	.2
1972 Avg.	297.4	274.7	238.9	35.8	22.6	7.6	5.6	.2
1973								
January	303.3	281.3	247.1	34.2	21.9	7.2	5.0	.1
February	302.7	284.0	248.6	35.4	18.7	6.2	5.1	*
March	303.6	285.4	250.1	35.3	18.2	6.0	5.0	*
April	301.2	283.1	246.3	36.8	17.9	5.9		.2
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* Under 50 Current month in italics is a forecast Previous month preliminary
 Revised to 1972 Benchmarks Series began January 1957
 NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should
 not be confused with actual numbers.

TABLE VIII
GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Work Force
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent#		
						County	State	
1971								
January	30.8	29.1	28.0	1.1	1.7	5.5	6.9	0
February	30.9	29.1	28.0	1.1	1.8	5.8	6.8	0
March	31.2	29.4	28.0	1.4	1.8	5.8	6.5	0
April	31.6	29.8	28.2	1.6	1.8	5.7	6.5	0
May	31.6	29.9	28.3	1.6	1.7	5.4	6.3	0
June	31.6	29.6	27.6	2.0	1.9	6.0	6.5	.1
July	30.7	27.2	25.9	1.3	2.1	6.8	7.0	1.4
August	31.2	27.5	26.1	1.4	2.3	7.4	7.6	1.4
September	31.4	27.7	26.5	1.2	2.3	7.3	7.6	1.4
October	31.1	29.2	28.4	.8	1.9	6.1	7.3	0
November	31.1	29.3	28.4	.9	1.8	5.8	6.4	0
December	31.8	29.7	28.6	1.1	2.1	6.6	7.1	0
1971 Avg.	31.1	28.9	27.6	1.3	1.9	6.1	6.9	.3
1972								
January	31.8	29.8	28.7	1.1	2.0	6.3	7.3	0
February	31.8	29.8	28.7	1.1	2.0	6.3	7.1	0
March	32.1	30.3	28.9	1.4	1.8	5.6	6.9	0
April	32.6	30.8	29.2	1.6	1.8	5.5	7.0	0
May	32.3	30.6	29.0	1.6	1.7	5.3	7.4	0
June	32.6	30.3	28.4	1.9	2.3	7.1	7.2	0
July	31.9	29.6	28.1	1.5	2.3	7.2	7.3	*
August	31.9	29.3	27.6	1.7	2.6	8.2	8.3	*
September	32.1	29.4	27.7	1.7	2.7	8.4	7.9	*
October	32.5	29.8	28.3	1.5	2.7	8.3	8.1	0
November	32.3	29.8	28.2	1.6	2.5	7.7	7.4	*
December	32.7	29.9	28.3	1.6	2.8	8.6	9.4	*
1972 Avg.	32.2	29.9	28.4	1.5	2.3	7.1	7.6	*
1973								
January	32.5	30.2	29.0	1.2	2.3	7.1	7.2	*
February	32.2	30.0	28.8	1.2	2.2	6.8	6.2	*
March	33.5	31.4	30.0	1.4	2.1	6.3	6.0	*
April	34.2	32.1	30.7	1.4	2.1	6.1	5.9	*
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

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 Revised to 1972 Benchmarks Series began January 1969
 NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should
 not be confused with actual numbers.

Table IX
BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)
Civilian Work Force
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent		
						County	State	
1971								
January	37.1	35.0	33.3	1.7	2.1	5.7	6.9	*
February	37.7	35.5	33.4	2.1	2.2	5.8	6.8	*
March	37.6	35.3	33.8	1.5	2.3	6.1	6.5	*
April	37.8	35.6	33.8	1.8	2.2	5.8	6.5	*
May	38.2	36.1	34.2	1.9	2.1	5.5	6.3	0
June	37.2	35.2	34.2	1.0	2.0	5.4	6.5	0
July	38.6	36.3	34.6	1.7	2.3	6.0	7.0	0
August	38.4	36.0	34.2	1.8	2.4	6.3	7.6	0
September	39.0	36.5	34.9	1.6	2.5	6.4	7.6	0
October	38.5	36.2	35.3	.9	2.3	6.0	7.3	0
November	39.2	36.7	35.5	1.2	2.5	6.4	6.4	0
December	39.1	36.6	35.3	1.3	2.5	6.4	7.1	0
1971 Avg.	39.4	37.0	35.1	1.9	2.4	6.0	6.9	0
1972								
January	39.4	37.0	35.1	1.9	2.4	6.1	7.3	0
February	39.3	37.0	35.5	1.5	2.3	5.9	7.1	0
March	40.3	37.9	36.1	1.8	2.4	6.0	6.9	0
April	40.1	37.8	36.2	1.6	2.3	5.7	7.0	*
May	39.9	37.4	36.1	1.3	2.5	6.3	7.4	*
June	40.3	38.0	36.5	1.5	2.3	5.7	7.2	*
July	41.6	39.0	36.7	2.3	2.6	6.3	7.3	*
August	41.9	39.1	36.4	2.7	2.8	6.7	8.3	*
September	42.1	39.5	37.0	2.5	2.6	6.2	7.9	*
October	41.6	38.9	37.4	1.5	2.7	6.5	8.1	*
November	41.7	39.1	37.5	1.6	2.6	6.2	7.4	*
December	41.6	39.0	37.2	1.8	2.6	6.3	9.4	*
1972 Avg.	40.8	38.3	36.5	1.8	2.5	6.1	7.6	*
1973								
January	41.9	39.5	37.1	2.4	2.4	5.7	7.2	*
February	41.7	39.7	37.7	2.0	2.0	4.8	6.2	*
March	42.0	40.0	38.0	2.0	2.0	4.8	6.0	0
April	41.8	39.9	38.4	1.5	1.9	4.5	5.9	*
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

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Revised to 1972 Benchmarks Series began January 1969
NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should
not be confused with actual numbers.

Table X

MONTANA HOURS AND EARNINGS

For Private Nonagricultural Industries

MARCH 1973

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1973	Feb. 1973	Mar. 1972	Mar. 1973	Feb. 1973	Mar. 1972	Mar. 1973	Feb. 1973	Mar. 1972
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$133.22	\$131.77	\$128.45	36.2	36.1	36.7	\$3.68	\$3.65	\$3.50
MANUFACTURING	176.92	176.92	167.69	40.3	40.3	41.0	4.39	4.39	4.09
Durable Goods	181.85	181.41	168.02	41.9	41.8	41.9	4.34	4.34	4.01
Primary Metal Industries	171.07	171.07	158.40	39.6	39.6	40.0	4.32	4.32	3.96
Non durable Goods	165.43	166.05	168.78	36.6	36.9	38.8	4.52	4.50	4.35
Food and Kindred Products	146.96	147.03	156.70	37.3	37.7	40.7	3.94	3.90	3.85
MINING	184.57	184.57	186.60	40.3	40.3	42.7	4.58	4.58	4.37
Metal Mining	185.10	185.10	193.10	39.3	39.3	43.2	4.71	4.71	4.47
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	217.16	205.96	214.80	35.6	34.1	36.1	6.10	6.04	5.95
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	207.36	205.82	186.34	40.5	40.2	41.5	5.12	5.12	4.49
Communications, Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	166.80	166.36	159.83	37.4	37.3	38.7	4.46	4.46	4.13
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	106.57	106.88	103.19	34.6	34.7	35.1	3.08	3.08	2.94
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	102.12	103.14	96.46	37.0	37.1	36.4	2.76	2.78	2.65
SERVICES	87.38	87.65	83.33	33.1	33.2	33.2	2.64	2.64	2.51

Data for current month are preliminary.

Averages are based on gross earnings, including overtime and premium pay.

Selected Industries series began January 1950; Total Private Sector series began January 1969 (May 1972 issue).

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Table XI

MONTANA LABOR TURNOVER RATES

In Manufacturing and Mining Industries

(per 100 employees)

FEBRUARY 1973

	ACCESSION RATES				SEPARATION RATES										
	Total		New Hires		Total		Quits		Layoffs						
	Feb. 1973	Jan. 1973	Feb. 1973	Jan. 1973	Feb. 1973	Jan. 1973	Feb. 1973	Jan. 1973	Feb. 1973	Jan. 1973					
	Feb. 1972	Feb. 1972	Feb. 1972	Feb. 1972	Feb. 1972	Feb. 1972	Feb. 1972	Feb. 1972	Feb. 1972	Feb. 1972					
MANUFACTURING	2.3	3.6	2.3	1.9	2.6	1.9	2.8	3.2	3.0	1.4	1.6	1.3	.7	1.0	1.1
Durable Goods	2.6	3.9	2.3	2.0	2.3	1.7	2.4	3.7	3.3	1.6	1.9	1.7	.2	1.1	1.1
Primary Metal Industries	1.7	2.1	1.0	.6	.5	.3	.6	1.4	2.3	.1	.7	1.5	*	*	*
Nondurable Goods	1.8	3.1	2.4	1.7	3.0	2.2	3.6	2.4	2.3	1.1	1.1	.7	1.7	.8	1.2
MINING	4.5	4.5	2.5	1.6	3.2	1.6	4.3	5.0	2.0	1.9	3.7	1.1	*	.1	.4
Metal Mining	4.4	5.6	2.2	.8	3.6	.9	6.0	5.4	2.2	2.3	3.4	1.1	*	*	.2

* Less than .05.

Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1959.

Table XII

MONTANA JOB VACANCY RATES
In Selected Industries
(Percent)

FEBRUARY 1973

	Feb. 1973	Jan. 1973	Feb. 1972
MANUFACTURING	.1	.1	.2
Durable Goods	*	*	.2
Primary Metal Industries	.1	*	*
Nondurable Goods	.2	.2	.1
MINING	1.0	1.0	*

* Less than .05.

Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1970.

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

New business firms in Montana are a reflection of economic activity within the business community. Data furnished on this page and the following map are an aggregate of information supplied by the office of the Montana Secretary of State and the Montana Employment Security Division. These data should in no way be construed as being absolute. It is presented to indicate business trends during the survey period.

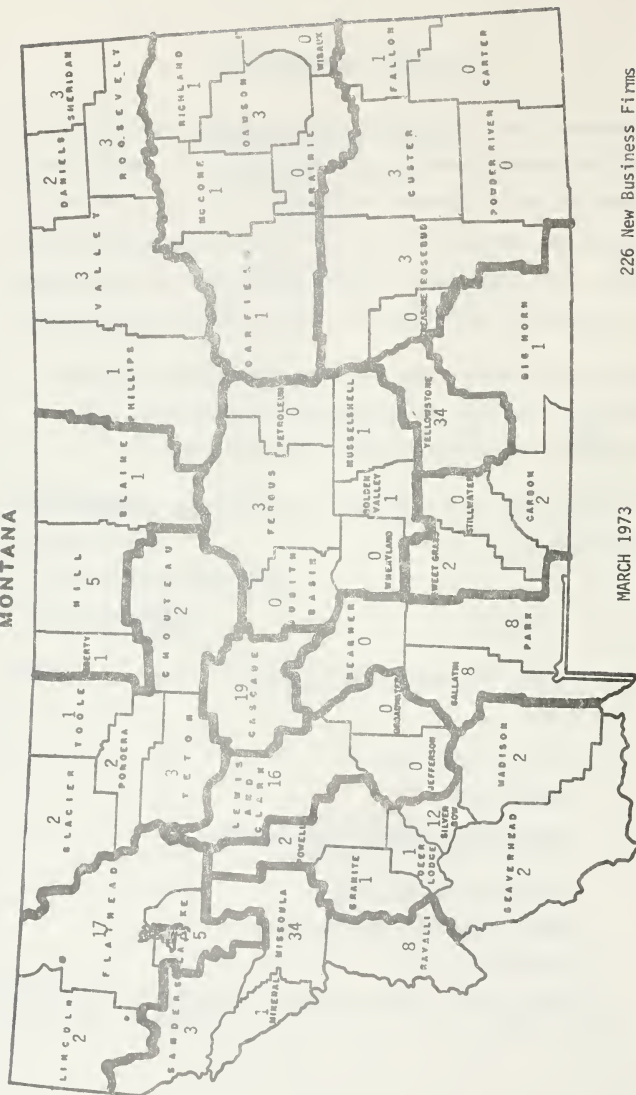
The map on the following page is a break-down by county and labor market area of business starts during the month of March, 1973.

Labor market areas are designated by the dark outline.

The following chart is a break-down of new businesses in Montana in March by industry:

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Number</u>
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES	27
MINING	4
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	38
MANUFACTURING	8
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	17
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	53
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	17
SERVICES	62
TOTAL	226

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA



MARCH 1973

226 New Business Firms

Source of Data: State of Montana Employment Security Division, Research and Analysis Section;
Montana Secretary of State.

GREAT FALLS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(CASCADE COUNTY, MONTANA)

Annual Work Force Report

1971 1972

	1971 Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1971 Avg.
1. Civilian Work Force	29.4	29.7	30.2	31.2	31.7	33.3	32.1	32.3	31.6	31.0	31.1	31.2	31.7
2. Unemployment	2.0	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.7	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.5	1.7	1.9	1.9
Percent of Work Force	6.8	7.1	6.6	5.8	5.4	6.9	6.5	6.2	6.0	4.8	5.5	6.1	6.1
3. Employment, Total	27.4	27.6	28.2	29.4	30.0	30.9	28.6	28.9	28.3	29.5	29.4	29.3	28.8
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	24.2	24.6	24.8	25.6	26.1	26.4	24.7	24.9	25.1	26.3	26.2	26.0	25.5
<u>MANUFACTURING</u>	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.1	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.8
<u>NONMANUFACTURING</u>	21.4	21.7	22.0	22.7	23.2	23.3	23.0	23.2	23.3	23.4	23.2	23.1	22.8
Contract Construction	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.5
Transportation and Public Utilities	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	6.7	6.6	6.7	6.8	7.0	7.1	7.2	7.4	7.3	7.2	7.3	7.5	7.1
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
Services and Mining	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.2	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9
Government	5.3	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.8	5.6	5.5	5.5
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment ^{1/}	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3
(c) Agriculture	.9	.9	1.2	1.6	1.6	2.2	1.8	1.8	1.1	.8	.9	1.0	1.1
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes ..	0	0	0	0	0	.1	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0	0	.3

	1972 Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1972 Avg.
1. Civilian Work Force	30.4	30.6	31.1	32.2	32.4	34.3	33.2	33.1	32.3	32.1	32.3	32.1	32.5
2. Unemployment	2.3	2.3	2.0	1.8	1.7	2.7	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.4	2.6	2.3
Percent of Work Force	7.6	7.5	6.4	5.6	5.2	7.9	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.5	7.4	8.1	7.2
3. Employment, Total	28.1	28.3	29.1	30.4	30.7	31.6	30.9	30.8	30.1	30.0	29.9	29.5	29.5
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	25.1	25.2	25.7	26.5	26.7	27.2	26.7	26.4	26.3	26.3	26.1	25.8	26.2
<u>MANUFACTURING</u>	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.6
<u>NONMANUFACTURING</u>	22.2	22.3	22.8	23.6	23.9	24.5	23.9	23.8	24.0	24.0	24.0	23.7	23.6
Contract Construction	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.6	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.3	1.6
Transportation and Public Utilities	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	7.0	7.0	7.2	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.6	7.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7
Services and Mining	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.0
Government	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.9	5.6	5.4	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.7
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment ^{1/}	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2
(c) Agriculture	.9	.9	1.2	1.6	1.6	2.1	1.9	2.2	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.5
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	*	0	*	*	*

^{1/} Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.
Under 50.

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BILLINGS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(YELLOWSTONE COUNTY, MONTANA)

Annual Work Force Report

1971 1972

	1971 Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1971 Avg.
1. Civilian Work Force	35.6	36.2	36.5	37.4	38.4	39.4	39.5	39.2	38.7	38.7	39.4	39.0	38.7
2. Unemployment	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.1	1.9	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.1	1.7	2.3	2.4	2.2
Percent of Work Force	6.7	7.2	7.1	5.6	4.9	6.6	5.8	5.6	5.4	4.4	5.8	6.2	5.8
3. Employment, Total	33.2	33.6	33.9	35.3	36.5	36.8	37.2	37.0	36.6	37.0	37.1	36.6	36.8
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	28.6	28.7	29.1	30.0	30.6	31.3	31.3	31.3	31.5	32.0	32.0	31.7	31.5
MANUFACTURING	3.1	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.6	3.3
NONMANUFACTURING	25.5	25.7	26.3	27.0	27.5	28.1	28.0	28.0	27.8	28.1	28.1	28.1	28.2
Contract Construction	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.1	1.9	2.1	2.1	1.8	1.9
Transportation and Public Utilities	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9
Wholesale and Retail Trade	9.0	8.9	9.1	9.3	9.5	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.7	10.0	9.7
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Services and Mining	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.8	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.9
Government	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.6
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment ^{1/}	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.7	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.8
(c) Agriculture	1.1	1.4	1.2	1.8	2.1	1.8	2.1	2.0	1.4	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.4
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	*	*	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	1972 Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1972 Avg.
1. Civilian Work Force	37.7	38.0	39.1	39.6	40.1	42.9	42.7	42.8	41.7	41.8	42.0	41.5	40.8
2. Unemployment	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.2	2.3	3.0	2.6	2.5	2.2	2.0	2.4	2.5	2.6
Percent of Work Force	7.2	7.4	7.2	5.6	5.7	7.0	6.1	5.8	5.3	4.8	5.7	6.1	6.4
3. Employment, Total	35.0	35.2	36.3	37.4	37.8	39.9	40.1	40.3	39.5	39.8	39.6	39.0	38.2
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	30.2	30.4	30.8	31.9	32.2	33.4	33.3	33.3	33.3	33.9	33.9	33.5	32.9
MANUFACTURING	3.5	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.8
NONMANUFACTURING	26.7	26.8	27.6	28.6	28.8	29.8	29.7	29.6	29.6	29.8	29.9	29.6	29.1
Contract Construction	1.5	1.5	1.7	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	1.6	2.0
Transportation and Public Utilities	2.9	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.8	9.9	10.2	10.2	10.3	10.3	10.2	10.2	10.4	9.9
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Services and Mining	5.9	5.9	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.5	6.4
Government	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.8	6.0	5.7	5.5	5.4	5.8	6.0	6.2	5.9
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment ^{1/}	3.6	3.8	4.1	3.9	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.0
(c) Agriculture	1.2	1.0	1.4	1.6	1.5	2.6	2.8	3.0	2.2	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.9
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	0	0	0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

^{1/} Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.
 Under 60.
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Supplement III

JOB OPENINGS AND LABOR TURNOVER STATISTICS
 LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN SELECTED MONTANA INDUSTRIES 1972 (1)
 (Per 100 Employees by Calendar Year)

MANUFACTURING (2)

	1972 Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1972 Avg.
Total Accessions	2.6	2.3	3.2	3.1	4.4	6.6	5.1	4.3	5.3	4.6	2.2	2.5	3.9
New Hires	1.8	1.9	2.5	2.5	3.7	5.6	4.5	4.0	4.5	4.2	1.7	1.8	3.2
Total Separations (3)	2.7	3.0	5.4	3.0	3.9	3.2	5.6	5.7	7.6	5.4	3.6	4.1	4.4
Quits	1.3	1.3	2.0	2.2	2.6	1.8	2.0	2.7	4.7	3.1	1.7	1.5	2.2
Layoffs	.9	1.1	3.0	.4	.5	.7	.9	2.0	2.1	1.4	1.7	1.9	1.4

DURABLE GOODS

Total Accessions	2.8	2.3	3.8	3.6	5.1	6.6	6.5	5.1	5.5	4.5	2.5	2.8	4.3
New Hires	2.0	1.7	2.9	2.6	4.0	5.2	5.6	4.8	5.2	3.9	1.8	1.8	3.5
Total Separations (3)	2.7	3.3	6.3	3.9	4.6	3.6	7.1	6.9	8.0	6.0	4.3	5.0	5.1
Quits	.2	1.7	2.3	2.8	3.3	2.2	2.4	3.2	5.5	3.7	2.2	1.6	2.6
Layoffs	.7	1.1	3.5	.5	.5	.6	1.2	2.5	1.7	1.1	1.3	2.5	1.4

PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES

Total Accessions	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.8	3.4	5.0	.6	2.2	1.7	1.1	1.8	1.9
New Hires	.4	.3	.7	.5	1.1	2.4	2.8	.5	1.8	.8	.4	.7	1.0
Total Separations (3)	1.4	2.3	10.0	3.2	3.1	2.7	9.5	10.0	9.7	2.7	2.6	3.8	5.1
Quits	1.0	1.5	2.3	2.7	2.3	1.6	2.7	1.4	3.3	.5	.8	1.7	1.8
Layoffs	.1	*	7.4	.2	*	.3	.3	7.0	5.6	1.7	1.0	.4	2.0

NONDURABLE GOODS

Total Accessions	2.3	2.4	2.0	2.3	3.1	6.5	2.4	2.6	4.9	4.6	1.6	1.9	3.1
New Hires	1.6	2.2	1.9	2.2	3.0	6.3	2.3	2.6	3.2	4.6	1.5	1.8	2.8
Total Separations (3)	2.5	2.3	3.6	1.5	2.7	2.6	2.7	3.2	6.8	4.3	2.3	2.5	3.1
Quits	.9	.7	1.3	.9	1.4	1.1	1.4	1.6	3.2	1.9	.9	1.4	1.4
Layoffs	1.1	1.2	2.0	.2	.6	.8	.4	.9	3.0	1.9	.7	.7	1.1

MINING

Total Accessions	3.3	2.5	2.7	4.4	3.9	6.7	7.8	5.4	4.4	4.2	6.7	5.7	4.8
New Hires	2.0	1.6	1.9	3.8	2.0	4.1	3.3	2.8	2.7	4.0	4.1	4.6	3.1
Total Separations (3)	2.9	2.0	3.1	3.1	5.7	4.0	6.6	5.5	6.6	4.2	5.6	3.6	4.4
Quits	1.4	1.1	1.7	1.8	3.3	1.5	2.2	3.7	5.6	3.1	2.2	1.6	2.4
Layoffs	.3	.4	.8	.3	.3	.6	*	.2	.1	.2	.2	*	.3

METAL MINING

Total Accessions	3.4	2.2	3.4	3.4	5.5	6.4	10.8	6.8	4.8	5.2	7.6	4.3	5.3
New Hires	1.4	.9	2.0	2.4	2.4	2.6	3.6	2.6	2.0	5.0	3.4	3.6	2.7
Total Separations (3)	3.2	2.2	3.7	3.2	5.2	5.3	10.1	7.2	7.3	4.4	7.8	3.4	5.3
Quits	1.5	1.1	2.5	1.8	1.9	1.3	3.0	4.8	5.8	3.1	3.0	1.6	2.6
Layoffs	.5	.2	.6	.4	.1	1.0	*	.1	*	*	.2	.5	.3

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS
WITH COUNTIES INCLUDED IN EACH AREA

ANACONDA-BUTTE AREA

Beaverhead
Deer Lodge
Granite
Madison
Powell
Silver Bow

BOZEMAN AREA

Gallatin
Meagher
Park

GLASGOW AREA

Daniels
Phillips
Roosevelt
Sheridan
Valley

GLENDEIVE AREA

Dawson
Garfield
McCone
Prairie
Richland
Wibaux

HARDIN-RED LODGE AREA

Big Horn
Carbon
Stillwater
Sweet Grass

HAVRE AREA

Blaine
Hill
Liberty

HELENA AREA

Broadwater
Jefferson
Lewis and Clark

KALISPELL AREA

Flathead
Lake
Lincoln

LEWISTOWN AREA

Fergus
Golden Valley
Judith Basin
Musselshell
Petroleum
Wheatland

MILES CITY AREA

Carter
Custer
Fallon
Powder River
Rosebud
Treasure

MISSOULA AREA

Mineral
Missoula
Ravalli
Sanders

SHELBY AREA

Chouteau
Glacier
Pondera
Teton
Toole

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